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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: Nobuyuki SHIMAMOTO et al.

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Examiner: Xiomara L. BAUTISTA

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USERS BY INTER-COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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